

# LOGOS

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NEWSLETTER FOR TSUD FACULTY AND STAFF

## Dr. Gusick's Book Published

Dr. Barbara Gusick's book Death and Dying in the Middle Ages, which she co-edited with Edelgard E. DuBruck of Marygrove College, was recently published by Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., New York (1999). The interdisciplinary study, which concentrates upon the late middle ages, has been released as Volume 45 in the series Studies in the Humanities: Literature, Politics, Society.

One-third of the book's contributions are European scholars; among scholarly interests represented are medicine, theology, history, literature, art history, philosophy, and popular culture.

The volume contains an introduction, bibliography, and index and is divided into five parts: One: Facts, Testimony, and Ritual; Two: Christian Eschatology and Thanatology; Three: Miracles, Conversions, and Transmutations sub specie aeternitatis; Four: The Late-Medieval Literature on Death: Poetry and Drama; Five: The Art of Death: Late-Medieval Iconography. Two articles of Gusick's are included in the volume: "The Ultimate Nothing: Death and the End of Work in Late-Medieval English Lyrics" and "Death and Resurrection in the Towneley Lazarus."

The idea for the volume was conceived at the Third International Congress on Fifteenth-Century Studies held in



GUSICK

Kaprun, Austria, in 1995. Since that time, the intent, scope, and design of the project has undergone considerable revision so that recent scholarship would be represented in the book. Among medieval congresses Gusick attended, in order to avail herself and her co-editor of the latest scholarship in the interdisciplinary area of death and dying, were two congresses held at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom and four congresses held at the University of Western Michigan, the latter being the singlemost important international connection for medieval scholars.

Related to her research interests, Gusick has recently been appointed assistant editor of the refereed journal Fifteenth-Century Studies, published annually by Boydell & Brewer, and will assume responsibilities with Volume 26 to reach print in 2000.

In July of 2000, she will be presenting a paper at the Fourth International Congress on Fifteenth Century Studies to be held at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. In conjunction with her interest in late-medieval drama, she will attend several performances of the York cycle of mystery plays to be staged in the Gothic surroundings of the York Minster cathedral (city of York, U.K.) during June and July, 2000.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction is a bit behind schedule, but not behind schedule enough to create concern. The walls of the mechanical room basement have been constructed. The footings for the portion of the building that will house the Lecture Hall have been poured, and the wall foundation will be constructed for the concrete. The plumber is installing water, drain, and sewer pipes in anticipation of the pouring of the concrete floor. After the forms for the wall foundation are built and the concrete poured, the steel frame of the north wing will be erected starting about mid-November. The entire foundation should be visible by Thanksgiving. Please be safety conscience as the work traffic increases.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Ms. Susan Craig** represented TSUD Continuing Education on WTVY's Ann Varnum Show; assisted in the kickoff for the 9th annual seminar on "Coping with the Aging Process"; attended the Small Business Committee meeting at the Chamber of Commerce; attended a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce sponsored by Merrill Lynch consultants; attended the Wiregrass Human Resource meeting to discuss Human Resource certification at TSUD Continuing Education; coordinated and held the first meeting with the Human Resource Forum Advisory Board to discuss the 1st annual Human Resource Forum to be held on February 17; met with the president of American Business Women's Association and joined the Association; held the first meeting for the Professional Women's Advisory Board; attended the Alabama Association's Continuing Education annual conference at UAB; attended the Social Committee meeting to plan the Christmas Party for TSUD employees; worked with Georgia Ludlum on the Alabama Law Update 1999 Conference to be held on November 19.

**Dr. Kirk Davis**, along with Dr. Matt Valle, published an article entitled "Teams and performance appraisal: using metrics to increase reliability and validity" that has been accepted and should appear in the December issue of *Team Performance Management* (vol. 5, issue 8).

**Ms. Christine Evans** hosted the 9th annual seminar on "Coping with the Aging Process" on October 1; represented TSUD and Continuing Education at the Community Job Fair at the Dothan Civic Center on October 7; attended the monthly meeting of the Wiregrass Chapter of the American Culinary Federation at the Dothan Country Club on October 11; registered participants at the 3rd annual "Wiregrass Area Conference on Behavior and Learning Disorders of Childhood"

on October 13; attended the Alabama Association of Continuing Higher Education (AACHE) Conference at UAB in Birmingham on October 21-22.

**Dr. Jan Gunnels** participated in United Way festivities during United Way Week; participated in interviews and attended presentations for internship director candidates; attended the Association for Constructivist Teaching Annual Conference in St. Louis on October 20-24.

**Ms. Becky Hunt** attended Datatel training in Troy; attended Red Ribbon Ceremony; joined social committee responsible for planning TSUD Faculty/Staff Christmas party.

**Dr. Sandra Lee Jones** attended School Violence Response and Prevention Seminar at the Dothan Opera House on October 6; accompanied student members of TSUD's SAEA to annual SAEA Fall Conference in Birmingham where she facilitated Alabama SAEA Advisors' Roundtable Discussion during the conference on October 29-30.

**Mr. Alex McMahan** attended the Alabama Association of Financial Aid Administrators Conference in Huntsville on October 12-15.

**Ms. Janet McQueen** participated in the Community Job Fair held at the Dothan Civic Center on October 7; conducted a meeting at TSU with a system committee to discuss the development of an employment policy covering the Child Protection Act of 1999.

**Mr. John McQueen** attended a two-day seminar sponsored by the City of Dothan on "Youth Violence, Recognition, Prevention, and Response" where the guest speaker was Battalion Chief Ray Rahne, Littleton Fire Department, in Littleton, Colorado, and who was directly involved with the Columbine High School disaster.

**Ms. Diana Parker** attended University Forum on October 21; attended Red Ribbon Ceremony on October 25.

**Ms. Patsy Rach** participated in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk on October 2; attended Alzheimer's Award Luncheon at Southeast Alabama Medical Center on October 20.

**Dr. Dorinda Van Loo** was a speaker at the Breast Cancer Symposium and spoke on "The Forgotten Survivors of Breast Cancer--the Spouse and Children" on October 15.

**Mr. Tony Whetstone** participated in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk on October 2; attended Dothan City Commission meeting on October 5; participated in Peanut Festival Publicity Committee meetings on October 7 and 14; attended legal conference Law and Policy in Higher Education: Critical Issues in 1999 in Asheville, NC, on October 20-23; participated in Red Ribbon Ceremony on October 25.

**Mr. Bob Willis** conducted Friendly First Friday program on campus on October 1; attended Datatel 16 consultant visits at TSU on October 12 and 13; conducted recruitment activity at Wiregrass Commons Mall on October 30.

### TSU COOKBOOK RECIPES CAN BE SUBMITTED ON-LINE

Recipes for "The Tastes and Traditions of Troy State University, Volume 2" can be submitted through the TSU website.

Go to [www.trojan.troyst.edu](http://www.trojan.troyst.edu), click on the Trojan head icon, and follow the instructions.

Recipes should be submitted by Friday, December 3.

### TSUD THANKS EXPRESS OIL CHANGE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF TSUD

Troy State University Dothan faculty, staff, and students are eligible for a discount on any service provided at Express Oil Change.



# OPEN HOUSE

December 2, 1999  
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

**TSUD FORT RUCKER LOCATION**

**Building 4502**

*In conjunction with  
Wallace Community College,  
Enterprise State Junior College,  
and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.*

# CHRISTMAS *Music*

**TSUD COMMUNITY BAND  
CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

*Monday, December 13, 1999  
Wiregrass Commons Mall  
7:00 P.M.*

*Wednesday, December 15, 1999  
First United Methodist Church, Dothan  
6:00 P.M.*

## SACS UPDATE

At this time, the final touches are being completed on the Self-Study Document. It will be printed, bound, and distributed by Thanksgiving! Did you hear a big sigh of relief? While we have much to celebrate, now is the time we begin addressing the recommendations and suggestions formulated in our self-study process. The current issue outlines the President's commitment and charge, as well as the outstanding efforts from Dr. Alford and the Executive Work Group on the development of our SACS Action Plan. The SACS Action Plan is now our guide for improvement and development at TSUD. We encourage you to take responsibility for doing your part to make TSUD the best it can be!

Dr. Jan Gunnels and  
Dr. Priscilla McArthur

### DON'T FORGET!

**SACS VISITING TEAM  
WILL BE ON CAMPUS  
MARCH 12-16**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS NOW!**

**SIGMA TAU DELTA  
TO HOLD INITIATION**

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 12, 1999  
2:00 P.M.  
HARRISON ROOM**

*All students, faculty,  
staff, and administrators  
are welcome to attend.*

## **TSUD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MISSION**

*Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) is a separately accredited university within The Troy State University System providing opportunities for affordable, accessible education primarily to residents of southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia, and northwest Florida.*

*The university's emphasis on academics is complemented by dedication to public service, applied research, and lifelong learning. TSUD is committed, through traditional and non-traditional means, to enhancing the critical thinking and personal growth essential for informed, productive citizens.*



## **ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

**October 1999**

Made four Capital Campaign visits  
Welcomed Continuing Education Coping With Aging Seminar at Northside Mall  
Participated in SEADAC Board of Directors meeting  
Presented TSU System Board of Trustees Resolution to Dothan City Commissioners  
Participated in SGA Circle of Presidents reception  
Participated in Alabama Humanities Foundation Board of Directors meeting in Birmingham  
Participated in House of Ruth Board of Directors meeting  
Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner meeting  
Attended Endowment teleconference hosted by Alabama-Florida Council Boy Scouts of America  
Attended TSUD Media Appreciation luncheon  
Had meeting with President Linda Young, Wallace College  
Attended Business Council of Alabama banquet in Birmingham  
Participated in TSU Public Radio fundraiser in Troy  
Spoke to Eclectas Club lunch meeting  
Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting  
Participated in Army Aviation Museum Foundation Executive Committee meeting at Ft. Rucker  
Participated in Alabama Articulation and General Studies Committee meeting in Montgomery  
Participated in TSUM President Search Committee meeting in Montgomery  
Attended TSU Homecoming activities and game in Troy  
Participated in TSUD Red Ribbon Ceremony  
Participated in meeting with consultant Dan Joslyn and TSUD Executive Work Group  
Attended Wiregrass Forum meeting in Ozark  
Attended Alabama Humanities Foundation Silver Anniversary activities including Toni Morrison event in Birmingham



### **COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**October 1999**

#### Get Well Cards

\*Amy Carr  
\*John McQueen

#### Thank You Card Received

\*Joy Carr

### **FROM THE TSUD FAMILY**

Many thanks to the Courtesy Committee for the lovely card that was sent to Amy on behalf of our TSUD friends. We really appreciate the telephone calls and expressions of concern from you all. I can't let this opportunity pass without saying a very special thank you to our family in Arts and Sciences. Your support means more to us than you will ever know!

Sincerely,

Joy, Amy, and Allison Carr

# SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY AND ISC SERVICES

## HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES: Come by and Visit YOUR ISC Today!

by Chris Bryant, ISC curriculum lab assistant

The TSUD Instructional Support Center (ISC) on the fourth floor of Adams Hall (Room 408) has a wide variety of great resources available to help visitors, students, faculty, and staff help themselves.

Need anything laminated? **YOUR ISC** has a 25' Laminex laminator that is fast, efficient, and costs a mere \$50 a foot!

Need to set up an e-mail account on-line for personal or academic use? **YOUR ISC** has some twenty Internet capable computers available for **YOUR** use. With the help from one of many knowledgeable ISC staff members, you can have an account set up and learn how to use it in no time!

Want to scan some pictures onto a disk to attach to a web page, class presentation, or to send to a relative overseas? **YOUR ISC** has a Hewlett Packard ScanJet II that is fast and easy to use to get the job done!

The ISC belongs to everyone. Even if you might not need to get that education project laminated, search the web for low air fair rates, or scan that old wedding picture to save it on a disk before it finally crumbles apart, come by for a visit and see what we are all about.

In higher education, the personal, professional, and academic needs of students, faculty, and staff will always be an ever changing, highly specialized service. While the goal of the ISC will always be to assist, support, encourage, and maintain excellent relations with the TSUD community and the TSUD family, we will need **YOUR** input to help us continue to grow and better meet **YOUR** present and future needs. Please direct your suggestions and ideas to me at extension 393 or through e-mail at cbryant@tsud.edu.

And please, when you are within the ISC walls, be considerate of others who might have a class project, essay, or time deadline of their own to worry about. Be thoughtful when using **YOUR ISC** and help us help you by not being wasteful or uncaring. Take care of **YOUR ISC**, and I promise it will take care of you.

Like Arthur F. Sheldon in the motto for the Rotary International said, "He profits most who serves best."

### TSU System News...

#### From Troy...

##### TSU SETS FIRST HOLIDAY CONCERT

Troy State University will ring in the holiday season and inaugurate a campus tradition when it holds the "Sounds of the Season" holiday concert on Thursday, December 2. The concert, which is set to begin at 7:00 P.M. in Trojan Arena/Sartain Hall, will be preceded by a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the Bibb Graves Quad. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 P.M.

TSU's conversion to the semester system this fall has enabled the University to plan holiday activities for the first time in a number of years, according to Dr. David Dye, dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts. "Now we have an opportunity to begin another tradition on campus," Dr. Dye said. "And our students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the community, can help us get it started."

The "Sounds of the Season" will feature the TSU Symphony Band, the Collegiate Singers, and the Gospel Choir--more than 200 performers in all. "These groups will create a unified, seamless concert of holiday

music," Dr. Dye said. The concert will feature traditional and familiar holiday music from a "wide variety of styles," according to Dr. Terre Johnson, director of choral activities. "The Sounds of the Season is a great way for us to give something to the community during the holiday season," Dr. Johnson said. "This is something we haven't been able to do before, and we're excited about the opportunity."

Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be obtained at several locations in Troy, including Troy Bank and Trust, Regions Bank, Colonial Bank, SouthTrust Bank, The Gazebo, Douglas Brothers Jewelry, and WTBF Radio, or by calling 670-3869 or 670-3322. The event is part of the Troy Council on Arts and Humanities season series.

#### From Montgomery...

##### TSUM UNVEILS "CURRY COMMONS" AREA

Troy State Montgomery opened the "Curry Commons" area, the centerpiece of their campus plaza environment, with the "Sound of South" band to a crowd of TSU System students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the university on Saturday, September 18. The ceremony was the last leg of a torch run journey that began with Dr. Mike Malone, president of Troy State

University Dothan, on Friday and then ran through the Troy Campus earlier on Saturday with Dr. Jack Hawkins, chancellor of The Troy State University System.

Dr. Jack Hawkins unveiled the plaque naming the commons area after Dr. Glenda M. Curry, the second president of TSUM. Mayor Emory Folmar pointed to TSUM as a point of pride in Downtown Montgomery and the important part it plays in partnering in the revitalization of downtown. The commons area consists of a landscaped park and five parking lots. The area also includes an 85-foot clock tower. Dr. Cameron Martindale, interim president, stated "This is a part of what we're all about--we're downtown, we're convenient for our students. Our campus plaza gives something back to the downtown area and to our students. The flame on top of our clock tower represents the burning flame of knowledge."

The commons area is just one piece of the plan for an expanded downtown campus with construction of the Rosa Parks Library and Museum scheduled to open in Fall 2000. Other recent renovations include a new student center, bookstore, and restaurant which opened last year.



# *Was it a full moon or a strange witches' brew that would bring to TSUD such a Motley Crew?*



*The Library won  
first prize with  
their spooky web!*



## TSUD SUPPORTS WIREGRASS UNITED WAY

While planning this year's United Way Kickoff Celebration, Keith Seagle decided not to set a monetary goal but rather to give every person the opportunity to donate to the campaign. Indeed, this strategy paid off! TSUD donated \$5,756 to this year's campaign, which was an increase of 62% over last year's contributions. The breakdown for contributions were as follows:

Contributions (cash, checks, payroll deductions)	\$4,742.00
Kickoff Celebration	<u>1,014.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,756.00</b>

Many thanks to Keith, Alex, and Jean for all their hard work and for making this year's campaign such a great success!



Pictured from left to right are: Alex McMahan, TSUD United Way co-chair; Linda Frezell, Wiregrass United Way executive director; Keith Seagle, TSUD United Way chairman; Brandi Baker, Wiregrass United Way; and Jean Kirkland, TSUD United Way co-chair.

# TSUD FAMILY TREE

Busy schedules can often keep us from learning about one another, our families, and the things we enjoy doing in our spare time. We have a way of taking care of that! We will continue to recognize one classified and professional staff member in LOGOS. This is a great way to learn about each other and who knows . . . you may even find out that someone shares an interest or hobby similar to yours! ENJOY!

## CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

TSUD is proud to recognize Olivia Brinson as Classified Staff Member of the Month. Olivia started working with TSUD in 1998 as an undergraduate admissions secretary. When asked what she likes most about working with TSUD, Olivia says, "I enjoy helping all of the students here at TSUD."

In her spare time, Olivia enjoys spending time with her five grandchildren. She also likes being outdoors where she finds time for fishing and camping.



## PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



TSUD is proud to recognize Susan Craig as Professional Staff Member of the Month. Susan works in Continuing Education as the coordinator for professional development.

Though new to her position with Continuing Education, Susan is not new to TSUD. She began working at TSUD at the Fort Rucker Location. She then moved to the Dothan campus where she worked as a departmental secretary in the School of Business.

Susan is an active member of First Baptist Church in Dothan and enjoys spending time with her husband Scot (who also works for TSUD) and their children Lindsey and Russell.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, ALEX MCMAHAN

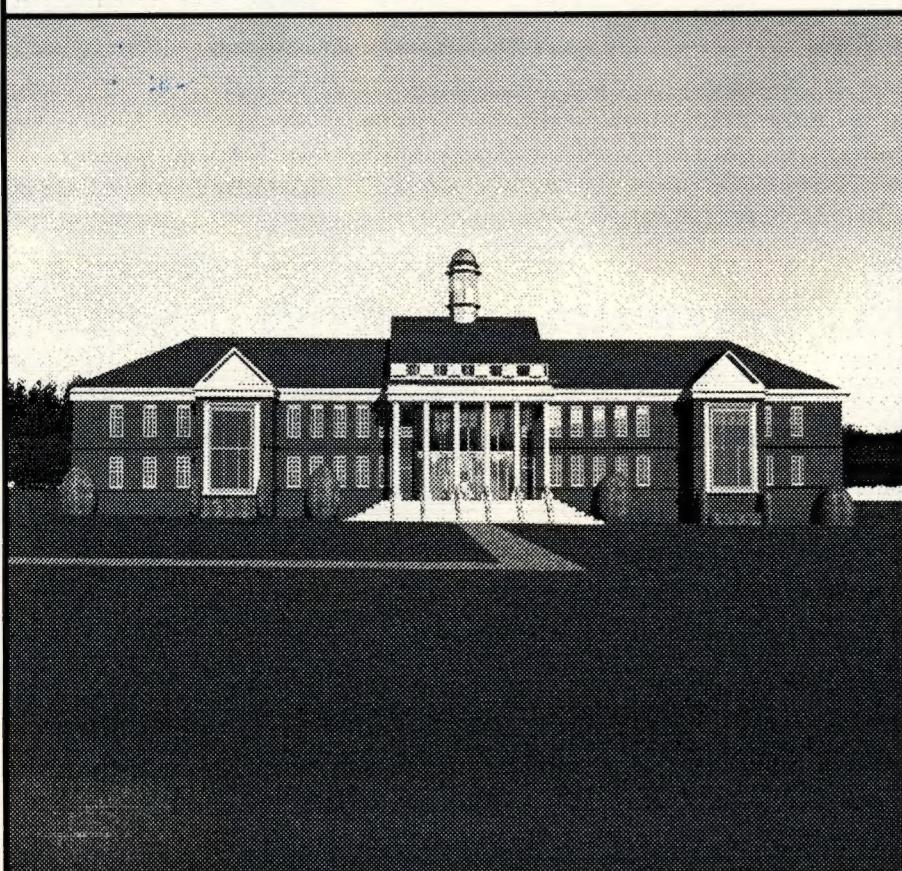


On October 1, fellow co-workers in Financial Aid surprised Alex McMahan with a party to celebrate his one year anniversary with TSUD. Celebrating with Alex are (from left to right): Jonua Byrd, Karla Mays, Theresa Harrison, Christine McMahan, Alex, and Todd Lewis.

***Quest for Excellence***  
TSUD Library/Technology Building

Let's continue our tour of the TSUD Library/Technology Building...

So far on the second floor of the Library we have toured the Main Stacks and the Reference Area. Now let's take a look at the Microfiche/Film Room and Office. The 1,500 square foot Microfiche/Film Room located in the Library will provide a place for students, faculty, and Wiregrass citizens to access research materials. The microfiche machines will have attached printers that will allow the researcher to print out any material they need.



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**BIRTHDAYS FOR  
DECEMBER**

1	Sherri Burns
1	Barbara Minsky
3	Cindy Halcomb
4	Scot Craig
5	Diana Parker
5	Alex McMahan
6	Priscilla McArthur
6	Richard Williams
9	Reta Cordell
12	Patricia Fritchie
15	Jean Kirkland
16	Gary Buchanan
25	Dennis Pearson
27	Grace Maloy
30	Matthew Elbeck

**BIRTHDAYS FOR  
JANUARY**

12	Susan Craig
12	Karen McGahee
16	Barbara Gusick
16	Patrick Schado
17	John McQueen
20	Jan Gunnels
21	Dorinda Van Loo
24	Victoria Morin
25	Debbie Moore
28	Eric Heinrich
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